



CBC Essentials  
Conference:  
The place of faith in the  
life of a growing  
Christian

Learning from those who have  
gone before

## **Our four sessions:**

1. Saturday, 9:30
2. Saturday, 10:45
3. Sunday, 9:15
4. Sunday, 11:00

Abraham, the friend  
of God

Jesus, the son of God

Paul, the apostle of  
God

CBC, the church of  
God

# Jesus the Son of God

Introduction

Did Jesus have to “live by faith?”

Can we even talk about the “faith  
of Jesus?”



# Setting the stage for the story of Jesus

The role of chapters 1—4 in Matthew's Gospel

The role of Jesus as God's second son (at least)



# Matt 1–4: Messianic credentials

1. He has the right genealogy
  2. He fits the prophecies
  3. The forerunner (John), the Father and Spirit endorse and anoint him
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4. He can crush the head of the snake



# The role of Jesus as Son

1. Israel is God's first "son"
2. Exodus, Deuteronomy
3. Jesus is God's son who retraces the life of Israel and lives it correctly.

## Deuteronomy

8<sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the

Exodus whole way that the Lord your God

4<sup>22</sup> You must say to Pharaoh

'Thus says the Lord, Israel is my

son, my firstborn, that and I said

to you, Let my son go that he

in your heart that, as a man

disciplines his son, the Lord your

God disciplines you.

## ISRAEL

## JESUS

Comes out of Egypt

“Baptized” in the waters of the Red Sea

Endures 40 years of testing in the wilderness

Fails to trust God as a faithful son

## Hebrews 5

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

<sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,



4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written, ““Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

## Deuteronomy 8:1–5

And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you.

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Jesus can say “no” because of  
an intense assurance in  
the goodness of the Father,  
that the Father will supply what he needs,  
that legitimate desire,  
in an overwhelmingly good way  
at the best possible time for him.

All I have to ask myself:

“Is He good and is He caring for me?”

If I say “yes” to this, I can say “no” to anything else.

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple<sup>6</sup> and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and

“On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.””

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Deut 6:16 “You should not put the Lord your God to the test  
as you did at Massah”

Deut 6:15 “for the Lord your God in your midst is a jealous  
God”

Exodus 17:7 “And he called the name of the place Massah  
(testing) and Meribah (quarreling), because of the quarreling  
of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by  
saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ““You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.””



11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Hebrews 2:17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

4: 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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